

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Kingstown Site Inventory Number: QA-421
Address: Southeast Side of Chester River City: Chestertown Zip Code: 21620
County: Queen Anne's USGS Topographic Map: Chestertown
Owner: various Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: Chestertown DBM Emergency Services Tower Agency: DBM
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☐ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The area just over the Chester River Bridge on the Queen Anne's County side of the Chester River is known as Kingstown. Though only one original building remains, the Kingstown Tavern dating from 1825, this area is the site of a small settlement of 30 acres laid out in 1732. A portion of the original Chester River Bridge also remains and is found approximately 300 feet to the west of the current bridge. The town is currently occupied with newly-constructed houses or houses dating from the turn of the 20th century. Commercial structures are found along Route 213, which runs through the site.

Due to the lack of original structures and evidence of the early 18th century settlement, this site is not considered historically significant and is therefore not recommended as eligible for the NRHP.

Prepared by: Kathryn St. Clair

Date Prepared: July 9, 2004

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

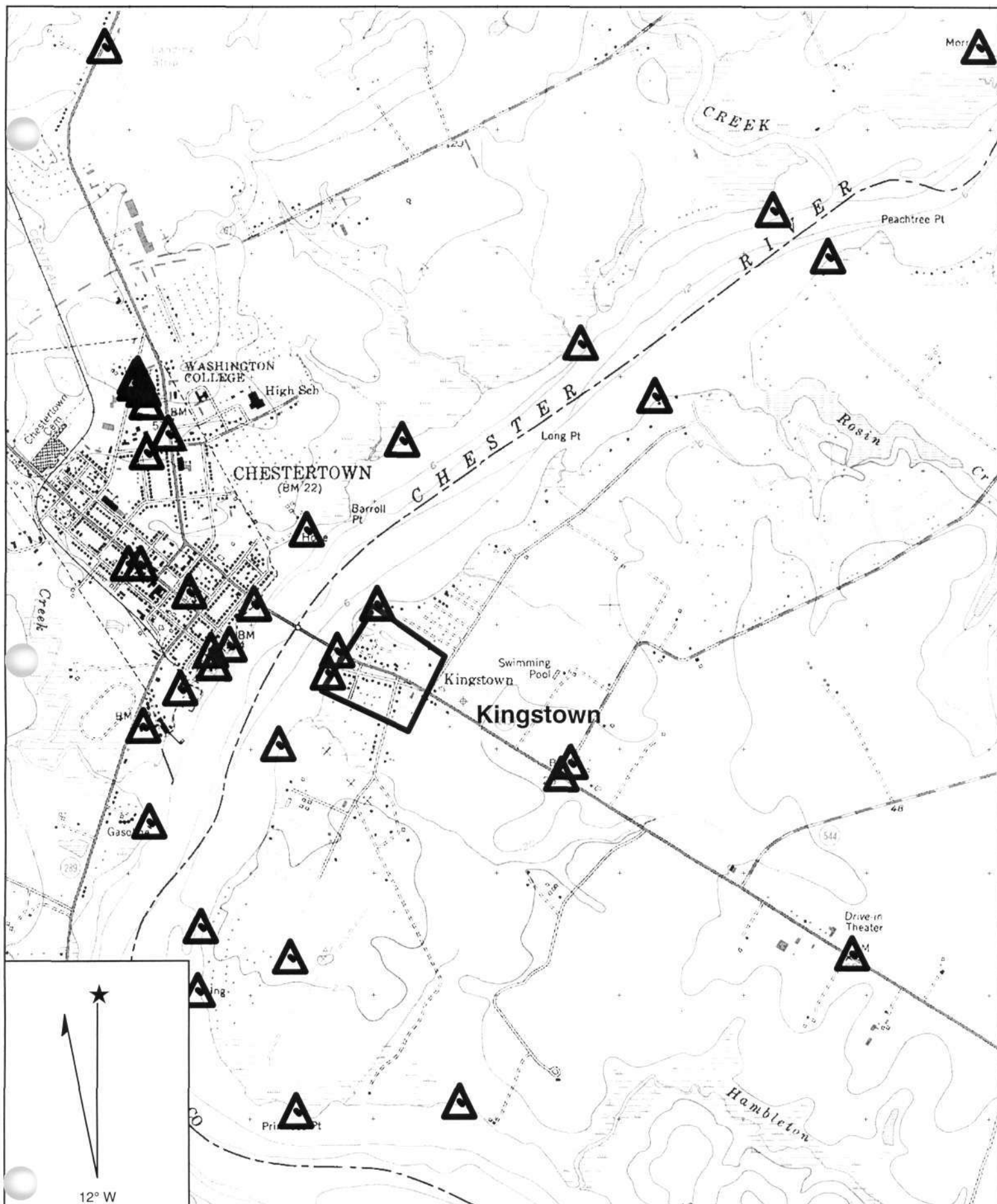
Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Blumenthal
Reviewer, NR Program

11/09/04
Date

12/1/04
Date

Date

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Name: CHESTERTOWN
 Date: 7/20/2004
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 12' 29.70" N 076° 02' 51.99" W
 Caption: Kingstown Site
 QA-421
 Chestertown, MD



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Kingstown Site

Queen Anne's County, MD

NEG: MDSHPO

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View From Rte 213 South looking South to the
Central green space in Kingstown.

Photo: 1/4



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NEG: MD SHPO

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View from the Kingstown Tavern looking South.

Photo: 2/4



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Kingstown Site

Queen Anne's County, MD

NEG: MD SHPO

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View of early 20th century houses along Old Bridge
Road : n the boundaries of the Kingstown Site.

Photo: 3/4



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Kingstown Site

Queen Anne's County, MD

NEG: MDSHPO

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View from the Kingstown Site looking Southeast
towards Route 213 S.

Photo: 4/4

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Kings Town

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southeast side of Chester River

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: miscel.**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

multiple ownership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

(refer to County tax map)

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Kings Town is located on the southeast side of the Chester River directly across from Chester Town. Originally laid out in 1732, the town today bears only a historic connection with the 18th century. The earliest surviving building in the town is the Kings Town Tavern (QA-177), a large brick structure to the southwest of the modern bridge. Constructed circa 1825, the Tavern was undoubtedly the largest building in Kings Town. Other evidence of the earlier history of the town includes a small cemetery belonging to the Primrose family, and the ruins of an earlier bridge.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 00-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Kings Town was created by an Act of Assembly in 1732. It was laid out on 30 acres of land on Chester River, directly opposite Chestertown. Evidently the town enjoyed some level of prosperity in the 1740's and 1750's, at a time when there were no major towns in Queen Anne's County. By the last quarter of the 18th century, Kings Town was probably in a state of decline, and in the early 19th century most of the property was realigned and consolidated. The original grid plan disappeared, along with any early structures.

The Kings Town Tavern (QA-177), constructed circa 1825, has remained the key building on the site of the town, and in the 20th century the area has been developed as a residential community with close ties to Chestertown. The town remains significant, however, due to the role it has played as one of the earliest towns in the county, and as an important link between Queen Anne's County

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Emory, Frederick. Queen Anne's County, Maryland.
Baltimore: 1950.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Queen Anne's County Historical Society	11/12/80
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Centreville	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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